PECIPTA 2009 COMPETITION RULES

1. **Eligibility**

   This category is open to all local universities and university colleges that are exhibitors in PECIPTA 2009. An exhibitor is allowed to submit as many entries as he/she wishes but a separate form shall be filled for each entry.

   The organiser reserves the right to accept or reject any application for competition.

2. **Display and Demonstration by Exhibitors**

   Exhibitors shall (if so required by the Panel of Evaluators) display and demonstrate to the Panel of Evaluators the working models/prototypes, illustrations or drawings and samples of products described in their entries. In the case of manufactured products, a description of the raw materials used and the various steps involved may be required.

   Such displays and demonstrations shall be maintained at the exhibition site for the entire duration of the exhibition of PECIPTA 2009.

   The evaluation shall take place at the exhibition site on the first day of the exhibition or any other day deemed suitable by the organisers.

3. **Evaluation Criteria**

   The general criteria for evaluation are as follows:

   a. Novelty and Inventiveness
   b. Usefulness
   c. Commercial Potentialities
   d. Academic Recognition Status / Intellectual Property Protection
   e. Presentation and Demonstration

4. **Awards and Prizes**

   a. For category (a), ie, inventions and creative works for competition that have NOT won any medals previously at National or International level competitions, exhibits of inventions will be awarded points for each of the five (5) criteria mentioned in (3) above. The maximum score is 100%. Medals will be awarded based on the percentage scored.

      Gold   85% and above  
      Silver 70% – 84%  
      Bronze 60% – 69%

   b. For category (b), ie, inventions and creative works for competition that have previously won medals at National or International level competitions in 2008 and 2009, exhibits of inventions will be awarded points for each of the five (5) criteria mentioned in (3) above. The maximum score is 100%. The number of awards will, however, be limited, based on the top percentages scored. The number of awards will be determined by the Panel of Evaluators.
c. The Panel of Evaluators reserves the right to declare no winners in any of the medal categories if the Panel deems that there are no entries of deserving merit.

5. **Warranty**

The Exhibitor warrants that the invention or creative work submitted for exhibition is his or her own invention or creative work or that he or she has the consent or permission from the inventor or creator to exhibit the invention or creative work.

6. **Disclaimer**

a. The decision of the Panel of Evaluators shall be final and binding. Exhibitors are deemed to agree that they shall abide by such decisions and shall not be entitled to be paid or indemnified for any losses, expenses or damages by the Panel of Evaluators or any of its members or the organisers of the exhibition and its officers and employees in respect of any matters which may arise from or be connected to the organisation conduct and results of the evaluation.

b. In the case of entries which have not been granted Letters of Patent, Utility Innovation or Certificates of Registration of Designs by any competent authority for the granting of such rights, any favourable or unfavourable decisions by the Panel of Evaluators shall have no legal standing nor be cited in any way in regard to the patentability or registrability of such items under the respective laws.

c. The Exhibitors acknowledge and declare that their participation in this Exhibition is on their own free will and volition and they hereby absolve the organisers of any liability or claim with regard to the invention or creative work or with regard to any prejudicial or adverse effect to any patent or design rights or any other intellectual property rights whether directly or indirectly as a result of their participation in PECIPTA 2009.

7. **Jurisdiction**

In the case of a dispute or any problems/questions not covered by the above rules, the organiser’s decision shall be final.